

TRAFFIC COMMISSION

April 23, 2009 MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Burbank Traffic Commission was held in the City Council Chambers, 275 E. Olive Avenue, on the above date. Joseph Terranova, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.

Members Present: Joe Terranova, Chair
Brian Malone, Vice Chair
Ralph Herman
Robert Heins

David Justl
Barry Gussow

Members Absent: Celeste Francis

Staff Present: Ken Johnson– Traffic Engineering, Public Works
Bonnie Teaford– Public Works Director, Public Works
Rabie Rahmani– Principal Civil Engineer, Public Works
Terre Hirsch– License and Code Administrator, License and Code
Joe McDougal– Senior Asst City Attorney, City Attorneys
Rick Morillo– Senior Asst City Attorney, City Attorneys
Sgt. Kelly Frank– Traffic Division, Police Department
Paula Ohan– Recording Secretary, Public Works

I. FLAG SALUTE

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes from the March 26, 2009, meeting with several corrections. Corrected minutes are attached.

Brian Malone moved to accept the minutes as corrected. Barry Gussow seconded the motion. Ralph Herman abstained.

III. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: (Limited to items on the printed agenda or items regarding the business of the Traffic Commission)

A. Public

Oral communications were deferred to concur with specific items on the agenda.

B. Commission Members

Ralph Herman reported that his wife used one of the taxi cab companies that Jim Kipper manages and felt her experience was extraordinary. She said that the driver was professional and helpful.

David Justl asked about the City Council results on the Taxi Cab report. Mr. Johnson advised that Mr. Hirsh would report. David Justl also inquired about the red light cameras. Mr. Johnson reported that the red light camera company was not able to detect an intersection with enough accidents to warrant an installation of a camera.

IV. REPORTS

A. Taxi Cab Report–Terre Hirsch

Mr. Hirsch reported on the City Council taxi cab actions. Mr. Hirsch clarified that the issue of green taxi cabs was only a comment by the Council regarding the 130 taxi cabs that are authorized.

Note and file.

B. Proposed LNCV Ordinance (formerly Item E)–Ken Johnson

Mr. Johnson reported that Mr. McDougal of the City Attorney's Office was present to discuss the ordinance as requested by the subcommittee last month.

The issues that were discussed were:

- 100 feet distance from intersection.
- Resident verses visitor.
- 2 a.m. to 6 a.m. prohibition period.
- 72 hour versus 24 hour permit.
- Grace period for RV parking before enforcement.

Mr. McDougal briefed the traffic committee on the draft ordinance. The committee discussed the specific sections of the ordinance. Joe Gage, Dennis Hooper, Mal Kelman, and La Verne Thomas, members of the subcommittee participated in the discussion.

Brian Malone moved that LNCV's will not be allowed to park on street without a permit. Ralph Herman seconded the motion. It passed 5 to 1 with David Justl opposing.

Barry Gussow moved that the grace period be removed from Item B on the LNCV ordinance. Brian Malone seconded the motion. It passed 5 to 1 with David Justl opposing.

David Justl moved that the permits be valid for 24 hours. Brian Malone seconded. It passed unanimously.

Ralph Herman moved up to 3 consecutive permits be permitted. Brian Malone seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Ralph Herman moved that the maximum number of permits would be 96 in a calendar year. Brian Malone seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Brian Malone moved to accept the draft LNCV ordinance with amendments. Ralph Herman seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

C. Status of Commission Membership and Tenure (formerly Item B)–Ken Johnson

Appointments to the Traffic Commission must be filed with the City Clerk by May 1, 2009. Mr. Terranova and Mr. Gussow participated in the discussion. The item was postponed until the next meeting.

V. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Public Hearing on Needs and Necessity of Taxicab Services–Ken Johnson

Mr. Johnson reported that the currently 20 permits are allocated to United Taxi of the Southwest, 50 permits to G & S Transit Management and 60 permits to Tri City Transportation for a total of 130 permits. Mr. Johnson summarized the requirement to confirm a total of 60 permits that will be valid from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2012. The taxi companies' representatives presented information for their companies.

Jim Kipper, Timmy Mardirossian, John Gantus, and others of Tri City Taxi spoke on their behalf. Melese Adamu and Vic Kakosian spoke for United Taxi,

Ralph Herman moved to maintain 130 taxi permits from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010. Robert Heins seconded the motion. It was passed unanimously.

Barry Gussow moved to maintain the 60 permits to Tri City. The permits are valid until June 30, 2012. Ralph Herman seconded the motion. It was passed unanimously.

VI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- Traffic Calming (March 08)–Johnson
- Discussion of Parking in Magnolia Park (March 2009)–Terranova
- Commercial Vehicle Parking Restrictions (July 2008)–Johnson
- Signal Timing Discussion (August 2008)–Terranova
- Traffic Management Center Tour (September 2008)–Flad
- Accident and Citation statistics for review (October 2008)–Flad
- Discussion on bike lanes on streets (December 2008)–Terranova
- Update on the colors and look of Taxi cabs (January 2008)–Francis
- Marked and Unmarked Crosswalks in Magnolia Park (March 2009)–Johnson
- Medical Transportation (February 2009)–Terranova
- Parking of Vehicles containing Banners on Olive Ave. Bridge over Ventura Freeway (April 2009)–Justl

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday, May 28, 2009 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Johnson, Traffic Engineer
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